

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF  
THE HONORABLE ANN O'BRIEN  
KEIGHRAN FROM THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF BURLINGAME

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ann O'Brien Keighran as she departs public service after 17 years on the Burlingame City Council, serving four times as Mayor, and another seven years as a planning commissioner. Ann has been a tireless advocate for Burlingame's quality of life and for business improvement.

Burlingame is a city with 30,000 residents who enjoy a small-town environment just a few miles south of bustling San Francisco. Its tree-lined avenues and older homes combine with outstanding schools to entice the region's entrepreneurs, professionals, and hard-working skilled workers to raise families in the midst of a beautiful environment. Ann was raised in Burlingame, graduated from Mercy High School, and attended the University of San Francisco where she earned her Master of Science in nursing. She later practiced at Sequoia Hospital and taught nursing at our local community college and the University of San Francisco.

During her combined 25 years on the planning commission and city council, she worked tirelessly with her colleagues to retain the small town feel of the community while also adapting it to the evolving economy. Ann's tenure on the council included final determination of the future of the city's golf course, ongoing work on the storm drain system to eliminate frequent flooding and growing the tax base by approving major new office and housing developments. How many hours in the public interest has Ann given over a quarter century of service? It's hard to estimate, but it's safe to say she had zero time to watch reruns streaming on Amazon.

Significant improvements created during her time in public service include a new Community Center. Discussion about this facility began when she first took office, waxed and waned through economic cycles, and finally resulted in a successful bond measure. The building opened this year and is stunning. Ann was one of the center's earliest and most consistent voices.

She supported other long-needed improvements, including the reconstruction of the Broadway/Highway 101 interchange and an enormous improvement to Burlingame Avenue, one of the city's central business districts. As she noted in her comments to the public upon announcing her retirement from public life, the Burlingame Avenue project, "... brought beauty and commerce together to delight shoppers and residents."

Ann and her colleagues approved a new Safeway, but not without controversy. Two years into her council service, her diplomacy was key to getting this reconstruction accomplished.

She fought hard to make California's High Speed Rail project amendable to Burlingame's needs and supported construction of affordable housing on a city parking lot and the creation of Peninsula Clean Energy. Her record of public and private contributions also in-

cludes serving on the fire board, as the council's ongoing liaison to the Chamber of Commerce, as the city/school liaison, as an advisor to our local shelter for women, on task forces for housing and universal healthcare coverage, and as a long-time parishioner in Our Lady of Angels Church. From dog parks to redesign of our grand boulevard, the El Camino Real, to serving as a basketball team coach at her children's school, she's done it all.

As she retires from public office, Ann should look back over her time in public service as one of tremendous accomplishment. She noted in announcing her retirement that she shares credit with Burlingame staff and her many colleagues on the council. This is true, but it understates the fact that she made difficult decisions without rancor and helped keep the community's finances sound when things were really tough over many years.

Looking forward, her adult children, Kerry and Kate Rose, will now have more time to spend with their mother. Ann will work in her position with the Center for Age Friendly Excellence, helping to guide communities to become healthier, more accessible places for seniors. Of course, her quiet leadership will be missed. Her biography notes that she's quite an accomplished Celtic dancer. Maybe now that the gavel on a dais no longer dominates her weeks, she will find time to concentrate on this skill. From 1998, when she joined the planning commission, to the present, Ann danced for us on the public stage. She was an accomplished public policymaker, a real leader, and she's a tough act to follow. I wish her well in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I missed the vote on the Further Continuing Appropriations bill due to a meeting. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 523.

CONGRATULATING FLORIDA  
TECH'S CYBERSECURITY TEAM  
ON THEIR EXTRAORDINARY  
FIRST PLACE FINISH

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 21, 2022*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Florida Institute of Technology—L3Harris Institute for Assured Information student cybersecurity team, FITSEC, for their perfect accuracy, extraordinary score, and first place finish in this fall's 2022 National Cyber League tournament on November 6, 2022.

The National Cyber League team tournament is a biannual national competition. This year, 7,500 students from 470 institutions around the country competed to solve simulated, true-to-life cybersecurity problems. The National Cyber League assesses a team's ability to address nine critical cybersecurity workforce categories outlined in the NIST

NICE Cybersecurity Framework and the NSA Knowledge Units. Florida Tech students claimed victory with 100% accuracy and a score of 2,755 points out of 3,000. With this win, FITSEC has moved Florida Tech to the number one spot in the Cyber Power Rankings.

Founded by NASA scientists and located in the city of Melbourne on Florida's "Space Coast," Florida Tech has always been known for its strength and contributions in aerospace engineering and space science. More recently, the university has also earned its position as a leader in cybersecurity research and education. Home to the L3Harris Institute for Assured Information, Florida Tech has been recognized as a National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security "National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Research".

Florida Tech's rigorous undergraduate cyber operations curriculum, modeled after the NSA Cyber Operations Knowledge Units, is developing bright young minds that will most certainly be among our nation's future leaders in this field. It is good to know that students from my district in Brevard County will soon help solve the problems of tomorrow, like countering unchecked foreign threats, securing intellectual property and private information, and meeting the growing need for exceptional cybersecurity professionals in our nation's industries, agencies and government.

According to Florida Tech's provost, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Dr. Marco Carvalho: "The success of FITSEC underscores the value of collaborations between industry and academia, such as our L3Harris Institute for Assured Information. Here, we have some of the best computer scientists and software engineers in the world conducting cutting-edge research in cybersecurity, machine learning, and artificial intelligence. The same experts then teach, mentor and coach our FITSEC students. Finally, these students bring their skills to top U.S. companies and organizations, making invaluable contributions to the security and stability of vital information, systems, and resources."

Chair of the cybersecurity program Dr. TJ O'Connor, tells us: "The FITS EC cybersecurity team and cyber operations curriculum contribute to our national security and strength by building critical skills in the cybersecurity workforce gap. The L3Harris Institute of Assured Information and Florida Tech's commitment to excellence in this domain is proven by its successful track record, including the recent victory in the National Cyber League Team tournament, and resulting number one national ranking."

The 2022 Florida Institute of Technology's team was coached by Dr. O'Connor and consisted of 5 graduate and 2 undergraduate students in computer science, including Kourtnee Fernald, Joshua Connolly, Blake Janes, Logan Suarez, Stephen Brustowicz, Alexander Schmith, and Curtice Gough. Dr. Sneha Sudhakaran, Florida Tech assistant professor and expert in mobile security and forensics, served as a co-coach of the team this year as well.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Florida Tech and these student leaders on their outstanding accomplishments and wish them every success in the future.